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1. I HAVE TALKED WITH UNDERSECRETARY ROVIRA TWICE ON THE ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION AND WE HAVE MADE APPROACHES AT LOWER LEVELS. ROVIRA HAS INFORMED ME THAT FONMIN CORTINA HAS DECIDED THAT THE SPANISH WILL: (A) SUPPORT ANY EFFORT FOR POSTPONEMENT SINE DIE, AND (B) ABSTAIN, OR ABSENT THEMSELVES, SHOULD THE RESOLUTION COME TO A VOTE. WHILE THIS REPRESENTS THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE SPANISH POSITION THE DEPT HAS SOUGHT, I TOLD ROVIRA THAT I THOUGHT THAT ON A MATTER OF PRONCIPLE SUCH AS THIS THE SPANISH SHOULD VOTE FLATLY AGAINST THE RESOLUTION IF IT CAME TO A VOTE.

2. ROVIRA SAOD THIS WOULD BE DIFFICULT, BECAUSE A TOTAL ABOUT FACE COULD CAUSE THEM DIFFICULTY WITH THE ARABS IN A VERY DELICATE MOMENT.

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3. SUBSEQUENTLY THE DIRGEN OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

AFFAIRS, BENITO, TOLD AN EMBOFF THAT INSTRUCTIONS WERE BEING SENT TO THE SPANISH MISSION AT USUN TO ABSTAIN, OR ABSENT THEMSELVES, SHOULD IT COME TO A VOTE AND, OF COURSE, TO SUPPORT POSTPONEMENT. HE EXPRESSED SOME CHAGRIN AT THE EARLIER SPANISH VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION, SAYING THAT THE SPANISH MISSION TO THE UN HAD STANDING INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO VOTE ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE PALESTINE QUESTION. BUT THE SPANISH MISSION HAD APPARENTLY NOT UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION TOUCHED OTHER FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES OF PRINCIPLE AND THEREFORE THEY HAD, HE IMPLIED, VOTED IN ERROR IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE. WHEN ASKED IF THE SPANISH COULD NOT STRAIGHTFORWARDLY OPPOSE THE RESOLUTION, BENITO REPEATED ROVIRA'S ARGUMENTATION SAYING THAT UNFORTUNATELY WITH MATTERS BEING WHAT THEY WERE, SPAIN COULD NOT AFFORD TO DO A COMPLETE TURN AROUND. BENITO SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD COME TO A VOTE ON NOV 10.
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